# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5354
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2001
CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM SILLIGURI TO GANGTOK
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from Sikkim Government for construction of National Highway from Silliguri to Gangtok;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to handover National Highway 31A to CPWD; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM )

(a) to (c) : There already exists National Highway No. 31 between Silliguri and Sevok and No. 31 A between Sevok and Gangtok. However, a proposal was received from Government of Sikkim in November, 1998 for construction of an alternative National Highway from Silliguri to Gangtok. Subsequently Government of Sikkim requested in July 2000 to drop this proposal as the alternative route was not considered feasible. This was accepted by the Ministry.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.